

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 21, 2005. Claims 1 to 30 and 33 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 2, 7 to 11, 16, 17 and 33 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 30, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,336 (Ladd). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a data processing apparatus capable of communicating with a server and a browser apparatus via a network. The data apparatus comprises means for obtaining data from the server according to a request from the browser apparatus; means for creating synthetic voice data indicating a part or the whole of the contents of the obtained data; means for storing the synthetic voice data; means for forming data by adding to the obtained data an identifier indicating a location where the synthetic voice data is stored; and means for providing said browser apparatus with the formed data.

In contrast, Ladd discloses the use of a voice browser 250 (of Fig. 3). In response to voice inputs from the user or DTMF tones, the voice browser generates a content request (i.e., an electronic address) to navigate to a destination of one or more of the information sources. The content request can use at least a portion of a URL, a URN, an IP, a page request, or an electronic email. After the voice browser is connected to an information source, the voice browser preferably uses a TCP/IP connect to pass requests to the information source. The information source responds to the requests, sending at least a

portion of the requested information, represented in electronic form, to the voice browser. The information can be stored in a database of the information source and can include text content, markup language document or pages, non-text content, dialogs, audio sample data, recognition grammars, etc. The voice browser then parses and interprets the information to generate voice prompts for a user using a VRU client 232 (also of Fig. 3). (See Ladd, col. 11, line 26 to col. 15, line 59). In the Office action, the voice browser and VRU are characterized as possessing the features of the present invention as claimed in Claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization of the voice browser and VRU of Ladd.

In Ladd, the voice browser is used by a user to acquire information from various data sources, convert those data sources into voice signals and then transmit the voice signals to a user. This permits a user to interact with the information. The voice browser may also receive voice signals from the user and store them for later use. This allows the user to provide voice inputs to the voice browser. The VRU facilitates this processing by the voice browser by providing text-to-voice conversions, voice recognition and voice recording services. However, neither the voice browser nor the VRU of Ladd include the features of a means for forming data by adding to the obtained data an identifier indicating a location where the synthetic voice data is stored and means for providing another browser apparatus with the formed data as featured in the apparatus of Claim 1. Since the voice browser of Ladd is used as a device for obtaining data for a user and obtaining data from a user, neither the voice browser nor the VRU of Ladd include the features of creating synthetic voice data to be stored and then forwarding the obtained data along with an identifier for the stored synthetic voice data to another browser.

In light of the deficiencies of Ladd as discussed above, Applicants submit that amended independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

Amended independent Claims 7 and 9 are directed to systems including data processing apparatuses substantially in accordance with the data processing apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 7 and 9 are also now in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and respectfully request same.

Amended independent Claims 10, 16 and 33 are directed to a method, a recording medium and an apparatus, respectively, including the features of the apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 10, 16 and 33 are also now in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and respectfully request same.

Amended independent Claim 2 is directed to a data processing apparatus capable of communicating with a server and a browser apparatus via a network. The data processing apparatus comprises a means for obtaining data from the server according to a request from the browser apparatus; a means for checking whether the contents of the obtained data include a content requiring a response from said browser apparatus; a means for forming data by adding to the obtained an identifier indicating a recipient for performing voice recognition for the response sent by voice data from said browser apparatus based on a result of the checking performed by the checking means; and a means for providing said browser apparatus with the formed data.

As discussed above in regard to Claim 1, Ladd discloses a voice browser that uses a VRU to respond to voice inputs from a user to generate content requests used to

navigate to a destination of one or more of the information sources. However, neither the voice browser nor the VRU of Ladd disclose a means for forming data by adding to the obtained an identifier indicating a recipient for performing voice recognition for the response sent by voice data from said browser apparatus based on a result of the checking performed by the checking means and a means for providing said browser apparatus with the formed data. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 2 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

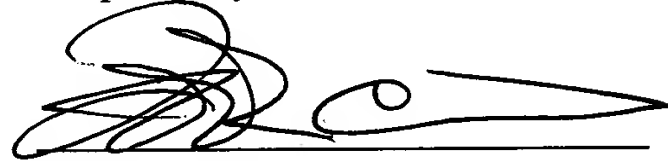
Independent Claims 8, 11 and 17 are directed to a system, a method and a recording medium, respectively, including the features of the apparatus of Claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 8, 11 and 17 are now in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 2 and respectfully request same.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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